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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for December 17, 2020

Frederick, MD – December 17, 2020

Frederick County Health Department:

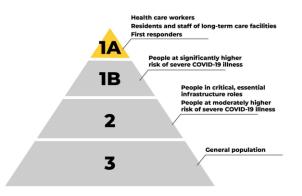| Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	7-Day Positivity Rate
9,241	**157**	**8.4%**
Change in Last 24 Hours: +160	Change in Last 24 Hours: +0	

Please check our dashboard for daily statistics: http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats.

Update on COVID-19 Vaccine:

Maryland's COVID-19 vaccination plan is in Phase 1A.

We're getting a lot of questions about who's in each phase and requests to be in certain phases. We don't have all those answers yet and that decision is made at the state level. The Maryland Department of Health is determining the priority groups in each phase. We will be following their guidance so that vaccine distribution is fair and consistent across the state.

1A — Health care workers / Residents and staff of long-term care facilities / First responders

1B — People at significantly higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness

2 — People in critical, essential infrastructure roles / People at moderately higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness

3 — General population

We will share information about who's in each priority group, and the process for signing up to get a vaccine as soon as we have it. Learn more about the plan's phases here.
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Mental Health – A message for teens

The Frederick County Local Behavioral Health Authority and Frederick County Public Schools recognizes the additional stress teens may be facing during these challenging times. Together, we created the public health campaign to raise awareness of four key issues – depression, substance use, trauma and suicide.

In addition to seeking professional help or calling 2-1-1, there are several simple things you can do to help cope.

No matter what kind of stress COVID-19 is causing in your life, just know that **you are not alone and that help is always available.** Talk to an adult you trust—it can even be a teacher or a school counselor. Or **you can always call 2-1-1 and ask for a crisis counselor**. They'll take it from there—all you need to do is to take that first step and let them help you.

Frederick County Office of Economic Development:

K-N95 Mask Distribution for Restaurants and Craft Beverage Businesses: Mask Registration will open at 7:00 am on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 and will close at 12:00 pm on Sunday, December 20, 2020.

Frederick County Executive Gardner in partnership with the Office of Economic Development have KN95 masks available at NO COST to Frederick County restaurant and craft beverage workers who are frontline staff. This program is available to severs** who wait on customers without masks (as they are seated and are eating or drinking). Please complete the registration for your business as this is a first-register, first serve basis while supplies last. Each business will receive a confirmation email and can pick up the masks at a designated location on either:

- December 21st   1:00 pm – 3:00 pm or
- December 22nd   10:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon)

To make sure your servers get these masks please register before the deadline of 12:00 pm on Sunday, December 20, 2020.

** Definition of Server, for the purpose of the masks program. Servers are responsible for taking orders of customers at their table and serving the food or beverages to dine-in guests.

To register, go to: https://ww3.frederickcountymd.gov/FoodServiceGrants

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For more information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19.

Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19
- Frederick County Government: www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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